

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 14 and 18 have each been amended pursuant to the telephone interviews conducted between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney, wherein the parties agreed that such amendments to the claims overcome the references of record, i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,614,103 (Durocher et al.), Japanese Patent Publication No. 06-090029 (Itou et al.) and Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-007185 (Itou). These claims have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 6.

In particular, claims 1 and 18 have been amended, in part, to recite "a first connection part comprising first and second leads which protrude from said cup component, wherein said first and second leads of said first connection part are connected to at least said first and second electrical conducting traces, respectively, wherein each of said first and second electrical conducting traces providing electrical connections to said first and second leads, and wherein said first and second leads are separate and distinct components from said first and second electric conducting traces".

Claim 14 has been amended to recited, in part, "assembling the secondary assembly together with other components to complete the light emitting diode, including assembling and electrically connecting the secondary assembly via said pair of electrical conducting traces with first and second leads protruding from said cup structure, wherein said first and second leads are separate and distinct components from said first and second electric conducting traces"

Claims 7 and 8 have also been amended to change their dependency from claim 6 to claim 1, since claim 6 has been cancelled, without prejudice of

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disclaimer. No new matter or new issues have been raised by the amendments to the application.

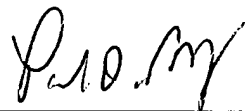
In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 14, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1, 9, 10, 14 and 17 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,614,103 to Durocher et al. is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Similarly, in view of the amendments to claims 1, 14 and 18, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1, 7-11 and 14-18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 06-090029 (Itou et al.) in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-007185 (Itou) is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Absent any newly cited art, applicant anticipates the issuance of a notice of allowance in due course upon the filing of this amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully Submitted,

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